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The claims in the application remain 1-28.

Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant elects Group III, Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 13 and 14, drawn to the combination of clamping (not driving) means and a member 14 having an inclined surface (reference is being made to preferred embodiments illustrated in the drawings of the present application).

This election is being made with traverse for the following reasons.

All pending Claims 1-28 were found to possess unity of invention during international searching, where only trivial distinctions were found between Claims 1 and 2 (and method Claims 21 and 22) not warranting a lack of unity objection (continuation sheet of Form PCT/ISA/210); all claims were searched without effort justifying an additional fee. In this regard, it is respectfully pointed out M.P.E.P. Appendix A1 Annex B(c) cited at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action, relates to raising lack of unity before international searching at the PCT stage, not after entering U.S. national phase where M.P.E.P. § 1893.03(d) applies.

In any event, it is respectfully submitted all dependent claims should be in condition for allowance, upon allowance of an independent generic claim. Furthermore, it is respectfully pointed out Claims 15 and 18-20 have not been listed among Groups I-VI in the Office Action. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Early favorable action is earnestly

Respectfully submitted,



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